

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
5 LINSLEY STREET  
NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473**

**AGENDA**

March 25, 2014

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Alicia Clapp, Goldie Adele, Jennifer Caldwell, Jennifer Cecarelli, Matthew Kerzner, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Melinda McKenna, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Kristine Carling, Director of Finance, Operations, and Human Resources.

Bryan Bogen was absent.

1. Discussion and possible vote on 2014-2015 Budget

Dr. Cronin began the meeting recapping the Board of Education's work that began back in October 2013. Dr. Cronin reported that back in October he got requests/information from all principals, administrators, and program coordinators. This is what guided the Board of Education throughout this whole process.

Dr. Cronin stated that in January 2014 he presented a budget of a 6.4% increase. Dr. Cronin was confident that the budget would get cut, but wanted to be explicit with the Board as far as what the District needed.

Dr. Cronin reported that the Board of Education brought the 6.4% increase down to a 3.7% increase to be brought before the Town Finance Committee. The Town Finance Committee then cut the proposed 3.7% increase to a 2.3% increase. Dr. Cronin stated that this is the task before the Board of Education tonight and he presented his recommendations to get the budget to a 2.3% increase.

Some of Dr. Cronin's recommendations were:

- General decreases in accounts such as professional technical services, repairs & maintenance, field trips, tuition, instructional supplies, dues and fees, stipends, adult education, hospital insurance, legal, rental of buildings, and many more accounts, including salaries of certified staff.
- The salaries in certified staff would include not replacing a retirement at the High School in the Social Studies Department as well as not re-hiring teachers that were hired on a one year contract.
- There was also a recommendation to cut the gymnastics team along with the rifle team.

The Board of Education discussed the above and made further suggestions as to where further cuts can be made, and perhaps keep the rifle and gymnastics team.

The Board asked Dr. Cronin to look into some of the following areas:

- Technical School/transportation – narrowing student's choices from 4 schools to 2 schools.
- Getting a hearing officer to attend expulsion hearings
- Re-evaluating our fees for building usage
- Stipends – active/inactive

Some items Mrs. Anderson wants to discuss at the April Board of Education Meeting:

- Programs, fundraisers, special events @ schools on weekends/summer
- Developing a Middle School Task force
- Developing an Athletics Committee
- Security – YMCA program

Another Special BOE Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

## 2. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita Anderson*

Anita Anderson,  
Chairman

**NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**